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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:EAID, LA, US

SUBJECT:PL 480 FOOD ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

REFERENCE: A. VIENTIANE 0598 B. VIENTIANE 0540

1. WE ARE UPDATING TALKING POINTS FOR USE ON HILL AND WITH
PRESS IN EXPLAINING DECISION TO GRANT 10,000 TONS OF
RICE TO LAOS AS HUMANITARIAN DONATION. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY
MODIFICATION OR ELUCIDATION OF REF B BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO GO INTO DETAILS OF "Q" DESIGN-
ATION, AND WOULD FOLLOW EMBASSY'S OVERALL CONCLUSIONS CON-
TAINED PARA. 5.

2. KEY POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS, SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENT OR
CHANGES: (A) COUNTRYWIDE SHORTFALL BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER-
NOVEMBER HARVEST: 112,500 TONS, (B) PLEDGED THUS FAR BY
INTERNATIONAL DONORS: 92,500 TONS, (C) NET NEED COUNTRYWIDE:
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ABOUT 30,000 TONS (INCLUDES SLIPPAGE OF ABOUT 12,000 TONS),
(D) AREA OF GREATEST NEED IN AUGUST: VIENTIANE PROVINCE.

3. WHEN WOULD YOU EXPECT TO GET BETTER IDEA OF LAO NEEDS IN
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER TIMEFRAME?

4. HAVE YOU ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS AS HOW USG, THROUGH WFP,

COULD OBTAIN BETTER END USE OBSERVANCE?

5. IS THERE EVEN A REMOTE CHANCE THAT LPDR MAY DECLINE
OUR OFFER OF 10,000 TONS FOR POLITICAL OR OTHER
REASONS?
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